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Subject: End of Day -- September 26, 2017

PRESS

Pahrump Valley (Nev.) Times: (Daria Sokolova) [Received 9/14] – CLOSED – Reporter would like information on any EPA inspections, reports, and any other agency information related to the Crescent Dunes Solar Energy Plant in Tonopah, Nev. Reporter had additional questions on NO2. Sent reporter website on NO2 and to OSHA for occupational questions. Also sent HQ-approved information on EPA's involvement in the project. Margot Perez-Sullivan SF

Wall Street Journal (Lucy Craymer) [Received 9/22] – OPEN – Reporter looking for information about EPA role in radiation monitoring and response in the case of a nuclear explosion in the Pacific Islands. Developing response with HQ. AIR/HQ. Contact: Kelly Zito

Freelance writer (Laura Newberry) [Received 9/19] – OPEN – UC Berkeley student reporter is working on a story about the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard cleanup. Reporter would like to learn more about the project, including how EPA is involved in overseeing the Navy's remediation efforts, how EPA is taking into account future sea level rise as it assesses the site, and the specific challenges in remediating this land. Working with program on response. Reporter checked in on status of request. DDL: End of September. SF, Michele Huitric

WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA

Social Media:

Small Business Innovation Research Awards – Posted to our <u>Twitter</u> page about the funding for Instrumental Polymer Technologies to create a completely sustainable plastic and linked to the project description, <u>A Green</u> and Unique Thermosetting-Thermoplastic Polycarbonate.

Web Updates:

Website Maintenance – Completed routine maintenance, including removing old content, fixing links, and republishing web pages set to automatically expire.

CONGRESSIONAL & INTERGOVERNMENTAL

Sen. Kamala Harris (D-CA) and Rep. Doris Matsui (D-CA-6): Today, Superfund's Charnjit Bhullar participated as EPA's representative along with the Air Force in a tour/briefing of the McClellan Business Park and McClellan Superfund Site. Sydney Lewis of the Senator's office joined Sam Stefanki, District Director in Rep. Doris Matsui's office.

Tomorrow - Wednesday, September 27, 2017 – Meeting with Rep. Lou Correa's District Office: Brent Maier has confirmed a meeting with Steven Leonido-John and the Congressman's Santa Ana District Office staff for a meeting in their office on Wednesday, September 27th at 10:00am. District Representative Rachel Rolnicki and Director of Constituent Services Laura Martinez have confirmed their availability. Superfund's Caleb Shaffer and Angela Sandoval will discuss the North Orange County Water Basin and Jose Garcia of our Brownfields Team will provide an overview of our Brownfields Program.

Upcoming Congressional, Intergovernmental Meetings, Grants Workshop and Events:

Thursday, September 28, 2017 – Meeting with Rep. Jimmy Gomez Los Angeles Office: Brent Maier has confirmed a meeting with Steven Leonido-John and Rep. Jimmy Gomez' District Director Marcella Cortez that they are available to meet on Thursday, September 28th at 10:00am.

Friday, September 29, 2017 - EPA HQ to Meet with Windsor, CA Local Officials: Mayor Debora Fudge is traveling to Washington toward the end of September. She will meet with EPA on September 29 to discuss projects the city is considering supporting, including Brownfields and Water and Wastewater Infrastructure. OIR will continue to work with the city's Washington representative to secure additional information on the city's projects of interest for the meeting with headquarters Program and Region IX staff. OCIR Contact: M. Arnita Hannon Christmon

Environmental Council of States (ECOS) Update from OCIR's Andrea Barbery:

New ECOS Officers for the next year (elections at every Fall Meeting):

President – Todd Parfitt, Director, Wyoming DEQ
Vice President – Becky Keogh, Director, Arkansas DEQ
Secretary-Treasurer – Jim Macy, Director, Nebraska DEQ
Past President – John Linc Stine, Commissioner, Minnesota PCA

From incoming ECOS President Parfitt to ECOS membership, outlining some of his priorities for 2017-18 highlighted here: (PDF copy of letter available upon request to Brent Maier)

- Applying and Expanding Cooperative Federalism advancing outcome-focused collaboration between states and federal agencies;
- **Measuring and Assessing Accomplishments** using BPI, lean, and E-Enterprise to assess states' delivery of environmental results;
- **Telling the Story** building out ECOSResults.org to engage the public and show state environmental agency accomplishments; and

• Engaging in the Energy Conversation – expanding states' key roles by bringing together regional, national, and other stakeholder partners.

Meeting materials from the Fall Meeting can be found at: https://www.ecos.org/event/2017-ecos-fall-meeting/

Press coverage (Inside EPA) available at the following links:

- Fighting FY18 Cuts, ECOS Makes Preserving STAG Funds Top FY19 Priority
- Facing Disaster Responses, States Press EPA For Flexibility, Assistance
- EPA, States Hold Talks To Improve Enforcement With Enhanced Collaboration
- States Seek 'Reciprocity' To Streamline Approvals Of Oil & Gas Controls